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Fort Hood Family Housing LP

Hood Highlights

"Building Communities for Families"

Highlights from the
Month of July

Fort Hood Family Housing participated in III Corps Senior Leaders Newcomer's Information Fair. It was an excellent opportunity to educate Fort Hood's newest senior leaders on the housing program and answer questions.

General Gordon Sullivan (US Army Retired) President of the Association of the United States Army and former Chief of Staff of the Army visited Fort Hood and offered laudatory comments on the project and the high quality of homes being renovated and constructed

Newly Renovated Girl Scout Hut Dedicated

Fort Hood Girl Scouts are enjoying a fully renovated place to meet, courtesy of Actus Lend Lease and 17 project subcontractors. Colonel Randall Butler, Fort Hood Director of Public Works, Matt Wilbourn, FHFH Development Manager, and local Girl Scouts cut the ribbon on the revived facility to celebrate the volunteer project.

The project first began during a recent town hall meeting when Girl Scout leader Maxine Rowe brought attention to the sad state of the hut. Inadequate air conditioning, poor outside lighting and the deteriorating conditions plagued the building.

Rowe was introduced to Matt Wilbourn to see if there was anything that could be done to improve the conditions that the local Girl Scouts had to endure during their meetings and activities. After viewing the state of the hut, Wilbourn along with Les Wasik and

Stan Key, Actus Lend Lease Field Supervisors, spearheaded a project to get subcontractors involved in their restorative efforts.

Actus Lend Lease and the volunteer subcontractors, many from local businesses, contributed time and materials totaling almost \$45,000 to refurbish the West Fort Hood Girl Scout hut. Improvements to the hut included abatement and demolition, plumbing, concrete work, siding, framing, new windows, paint, appliances, installing a central air conditioning system, an access ramp and handrail along the front of the building, a new roof,



Colonel Randall Butler, DPW and Matt Wilbourn, Development Manager join Girl Scouts dedicate the newly renovated Girl Scout Hut.

modernized outside lighting and interior electrical.

Thanks to the many volunteers, the Girl Scouts have a modernized and comfortable place to call home.

(Left) Initial stages of construction (Below) Newly renovated Girl Scout Hut



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Fort Hood Villages Host "National Night Out"



Karen Maitlen, Montague Community Manager, honors the Machuca family for their heroic efforts during a neighborhood fire

Fort Hood community residents locked their doors, turned on their lights and came outside to meet their neighbors during the nation's 20th annual National Night Out on August 5th. All of the Fort Hood Villages participated in bringing this important event to their community by providing an assortment of activities. Throughout Fort Hood, there were giant slides, music and

dance contests, dunking booths, moonwalks, wall climbing, face painting, horseback riding, games, and guest appearances from McGruff the Crime Dog.

Special recognition was given to SSG Paul Machuca, who was honored for his heroic efforts on May 16th, 2003. Machuca noticed smoke coming from a neighboring residence.

He called 911 and attempted to put out the fire with a hose. After two residents emerged from the house in hysterics, he went inside to locate others who may be in danger. He then went to the attached home and helped that resident and her children to safety. Thanks to his quick reaction time, he was able to contain the fire in the garage and everyone escaped without injury.

Construction in Communities Progresses Briskly



Progress in July continued on or ahead of schedule in many areas of Design and Construction. Infrastructure work at the Comanche IV site is ahead of schedule. Sixty-eight building slabs have been poured and framing is underway on 40 of those buildings. Seven buildings

(14 units) in Kouma were delivered to the Army. Planning for new villages is underway with Kouma III approved for construction and Montague IV and Comanche V nearing 35% completion. Stucco and stone veneer, and exterior painting was completed in Comanche III.

Residents Play to Beat the Texas Heat

Resident Services continued its focus on the family during the month of July. Various communities sponsored events geared towards the keeping our youth entertained and cool during their school

vacation. Kouma Village had a "Splash Day" where kids between the ages of 1 and 12 were able to beat the heat by participating in water games, balloon fights and water slide activities. More than 50 kids participated in the fun

and sun. Venable Village had "Movie Night" every Friday during the month of July for children aged 1 to 16. They provided two movie showings for the different age groups as well as popcorn, candy and drinks.

Monthly Key Statistics

Available Homes	5645
Occupancy	98.26%
Turnovers	480
New Homes Delivered	58
Renovations Completed	15